

SELBY
URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



ANNUAL REPORT


OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER
OF HEALTH

AND

SENIOR PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

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To The Chairman and Members
of the Selby Urban District Council.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you the Annual Report on the health of the Urban District, and the work of the Public Health Department for the year 1969. The report is not really of my work but that of my predecessor, Dr. Appleton, who, as the first Divisional Medical Officer, contributed greatly to the development of the Health Services of this Division and to whom, I am sure, you would wish me to extend your thanks.

VITAL STATISTICS

193 Live births were registered, a decrease of 21, giving a Birth Rate of 17·0 per thousand population (Adjusted Birth Rate 17·7). The County aggregate rate for Urban Districts was 16·8 and for England and Wales 16·3.

Two stillbirths occurred.

There were 139 deaths, giving a Crude Death Rate of 12·3 (Adjusted Death Rate 11·6). The County aggregate of Urban Districts was 12·3 and the rate for England and Wales 11·9.

Births exceeded deaths by 54.

Seven infants died under the age of one year, giving an Infant Mortality Rate of 36·3, the highest for nine years. The County rate was 19·3 and the National rate was 18·1. Five of these deaths were caused by congenital defects, one by respiratory infection and one was due to prematurity.

No maternal deaths occurred during the year, and none has occurred since 1954, when there was one death.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

14 cases of infectious disease were notified during the year, of which 12 were scarlet fever, and 2 of infective jaundice.

CERVICAL CYTOLOGY

During 1969 94 women had the cancer smear at Selby County Clinic. There were no abnormal smears. No patients were referred for breast tumors to the general practitioners.

FAMILY PLANNING

At the time of writing, the Leeds Branch of the Family Planning Association have just informed me that a clinic will start in the County Clinic, Raincliffe Street, a venue which the County Council has already approved. Clinics will be held weekly on Thursday evenings at 6.30 p.m. from 1st October ; Dr. Eileen M. R. Bell-Syer will be the doctor-in-charge.

This clinic will give advice on all modern methods of contraception, although the intrauterine device is only inserted in the larger clinics. Patients will still have to attend York for insertion but can be supervised at Selby. Advice is also available on infertility and other marital problems, and pre-marital couples may attend.

MENTAL HEALTH

At the present time the extensions to the Rawcliffe Training Centre are now well on the way to completion and it is hoped to occupy the main adult workshop in the Autumn. Renovations to the existing building will start when the changeover has been effected and arrangements made to cater for the Junior Department during this difficult period.

NURSERIES AND CHILD MINDERS REGULATION ACT, 1948 AS AMENDED BY THE HEALTH SERVICES AND PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1968

People who wish to care for children of others during the day have to be registered either as child minders or have their premises registered as a nursery. This applies to all kinds of day care, including play groups, nursery groups and looking after children in one's own house. The applicants have to meet certain standards before the County Council will register them.

There are, at present, four child care groups registered in Selby Urban District.

1. Mrs. Worton, 80 Leeds Road is registered for 8 places in the age group $2\frac{1}{2}$ to 5 years. This is a re-registration under the new Act of 1968. Morning sessions only are offered.
2. Mrs. M. Mair, 9 Applecroft Road, is registered for 4 places ; age group 0—5 years. This is a new registration and may operate either sessional or full day care.
3. Mrs. P. M. Clay, 4 Doncaster Road, is registered for 13 places ; age group $2\frac{1}{2}$ to 5 years. This nursery caters for full day or sessional care.

4. Mrs. O'Neil, 11 West Park, is registered for 6 places; age group $2\frac{1}{2}$ to 5 years—sessional care only.

These groups not only allow certain mothers to go out to work but provide a very useful introduction for young children to learn to play with others before they reach school age. They also give many young mothers a very necessary relief from the constant care that young children demand.

In conclusion, I wish to record warm thanks on behalf of both my predecessor and myself for the support of the members and officers of the Council, the loyal services of the Public Health and Divisional Health Staffs, and the help given by voluntary workers at the Clinics.

I am

Your obedient servant

MURIEL J. LOWE,

Medical Officer of Health.

August, 1970.

GENERAL STATISTICS, 1969

Area of Urban District	.. ..	3,883 acres
Population (mid 1969)	.. ..	11,340
Number of Houses	.. ..	4,045
Rateable Value	.. ..	£407,106 (Apr. 1970)
Product of Penny Rate (estimated)		£1,618 (Apr. 1970)

VITAL STATISTICS

	SELBY U.D.	Aggre- gate West Riding U.D.s	West Riding Admin. County	England and Wales (Provi- sional)
BIRTH RATE (per 1,000 population)	17·0	16·8	16·9	16·3
CRUDE DEATH RATES (per 1,000 population)				
All causes	12·3	12·3	11·6	11·9
Infective and Parasitic Diseases ..	0	—	—	—
Respiratory Tuberculosis	0	0·03	0·03	0·02
Other forms of Tuberculosis	0·09	0·01	0·01	0·02
Respiratory Diseases (excluding Tuberculosis)	2·03	1·81	1·69	ø
Malignant Neoplasms	1·94	2·22	2·10	2·35
Heart and Circulatory Diseases ..	4·67	4·67	4·39	ø
Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	2·03	1·83	1·70	ø
INFANT MORTALITY (Deaths under one year per 1,000 live births)	36·3	19·3	18·9	18·1
STILLBIRTHS	10·3	13·8	13·5	13·2
PERINATAL MORTALITY	25·6	24·5	23·7	23·4
MATERNAL MORTALITY (Deaths of mothers in childbirth per 1,000 total births)	0	0·19	0·20	0·19

Comparability Factors:

For Births, 1·04.	Adjusted Birth Rate, 17·7.
For Deaths, 0·95.	Adjusted Death Rate, 11·6.

ø Figures not available

BIRTH AND DEATH RATES, 1969 AND MEAN RATES FOR DICENNIAL PERIODS

BIRTH RATE = 17·0

(per 1,000 population)

1901-1910	..	..	27·2	1941-1950	..	..	17·8
1911-1920	..	..	23·0	1951-1960	..	..	15·1
1921-1930	..	..	19·7	1961-1965	..	..	18·1
1931-1940	..	..	15·5				

STILLBIRTHS = 10·3

(per 1,000 total births)

1901-1910	..	..	—	1941-1950	..	..	37·5
1911-1920	..	..	—	1951-1960	..	..	34·1
1921-1930	..	..	38·6	1961-1965	..	..	17·5
1931-1940	..	..	28·0				

ILLEGITIMATE BIRTHS = 56·4

(per 1,000 total births)

1901-1910	..	..	—	1941-1950	..	..	56·9
1911-1920	..	..	48·4	1951-1960	..	..	27·0
1921-1930	..	..	46·5	1961-1965	..	..	43·9
1931-1940	..	..	38·4				

INFANTILE MORTALITY = 36·3

(per 1,000 live births)

1901-1910	..	..	127·7	1941-1950	..	..	54·0
1911-1920	..	..	97·4	1951-1960	..	..	32·1
1921-1930	..	..	62·9	1961-1965	..	..	17·9
1931-1940	..	..	49·1				

NEONATAL MORTALITY = 20·7

(Deaths in first month per 1,000 live births)

1901-1910	..	..	28·8	1941-1950	..	..	31·1
1911-1920	..	..	38·1	1951-1960	..	..	23·8
1921-1930	..	..	33·4	1961-1965	..	..	12·7
1931-1940	..	..	26·2				

PERINATAL MORTALITY = 25·6

(Stillbirths and first week deaths per 1,000 total births)

1921-1930	..	..	61·1	1951-1960	..	..	54·8
1931-1940	..	..	65·4	1961-1965	..	..	28·7
1941-1950	..	..	58·8				

TOTAL DEATH RATE = 12·3

(per 1,000 population)

1901-1910	..	..	13·7	1941-1950	..	..	13·0
1911-1920	..	..	13·0	1951-1960	..	..	12·9
1921-1930	..	..	11·8	1961-1965	..	..	13·1
1931-1940	..	..	11·7				

DISEASES OF HEART AND CIRCULATION = 4·67

1901-1910	..	..	1·01	1941-1950	..	..	2·73
1911-1920	..	..	1·29	1951-1960	..	..	4·72
1921-1930	..	..	1·53	1961-1965	..	..	5·37
1931-1940	..	..	2·41				

VASCULAR DISEASES OF CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM = 2·03

1901-1910	..	..	—	1941-1950	..	..	1·50
1911-1920	..	..	—	1951-1960	..	..	1·75
1921-1930	..	..	1·24	1961-1965	..	..	1·91
1931-1940	..	..	1·03				

MALIGNANT NEOPLASMS = 1·94

1901-1910	..	..	0·91	1941-1950	..	..	2·04
1911-1920	..	..	1·16	1951-1960	..	..	2·17
1921-1930	..	..	1·62	1961-1965	..	..	2·10
1931-1940	..	..	1·73				

RESPIRATORY DISEASES = 2·03

1901-1910	..	..	1·72	1941-1950	..	..	1·80
1911-1920	..	..	1·90	1951-1960	..	..	1·65
1921-1930	..	..	2·56	1961-1965	..	..	1·62
1931-1940	..	..	1·57				

INFECTIVE AND PARASITIC DISEASES = 0·00

1901-1910	..	..	1·53	1941-1950	..	..	0·06
1911-1920	..	..	0·68	1951-1960	..	..	0·04
1921-1930	..	..	0·43	1961-1965	..	..	0·00
1931-1940	..	..	0·24				

RESPIRATORY TUBERCULOSIS = 0

1901-1910	..	..	0·94	1941-1950	..	..	0·32
1911-1920	..	..	0·92	1951-1960	..	..	0·06
1921-1930	..	..	0·72	1961-1965	..	..	0·02
1931-1940	..	..	0·59				

NON-RESPIRATORY TUBERCULOSIS = 0·09

1901-1910	..	..	0·36	1941-1950	..	..	0·08
1911-1920	..	..	0·44	1951-1960	..	..	0·03
1921-1930	..	..	0·17	1961-1965	..	..	0·00
1931-1940	..	..	0·16				

MATERNAL MORTALITY = 0

(per 1,000 total births)

1901-1910	..	..	5·08	1941-1950	..	..	1·59
1911-1920	..	..	5·02	1951-1960	..	..	0·69
1921-1930	..	..	3·11	1961-1965	..	..	0·00
1931-1940	..	..	3·69				

BIRTHS, 1969

					Male	Female	Total
Live Births.—Legitimate	..	..	..		91	91	182
Illegitimate	..	..	..		6	5	11
					—	—	—
				Total	97	96	193
Stillbirths	..	..	..	..	1	1	2
Premature Births.—Babies weighing 5½ lbs. or less at birth.							
					Live	Still	Total
Born at home	..	..	..	..	1	—	1
Born in hospital	..	..	..	..	13	2	15
							—
							16

CAUSES OF DEATH, 1969

					Male	Female	Total
B6 Other Tuberculosis, incl. late effects					—	1	1
B19(1) Malignant Neoplasm, Buccal Cavity etc.	..	..	..	..	—	1	1
B19(4) Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine	..				1	1	2
B19(6) Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	..	..	..	..	3	1	4
B19(7) Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	..				—	1	1
B19(11) Other malignant neoplasms	..				3	11	14
B46(1) Other endocrine etc. diseases	..				—	1	1
B46(4) Other diseases of nervous system, etc.	..	..	..	..	1	1	2
B26 Chronic rheumatic heart disease	..				1	1	2
B27 Hypertensive disease	..	..	..		3	2	5
B28 Ischaemic heart disease	..	..			21	12	33
B29 Other forms of heart disease	..				6	3	9
B30 Cerebrovascular disease	..	..			6	17	23
B46(5) Other diseases of circulatory system	..	..	..	..	3	1	4
B31 Influenza	..	..	..	..	2	1	3
B32 Pneumonia	..	..	..	..	5	6	11

	Male	Female	Total
B33(1) Bronchitis and emphysema ..	5	3	8
B33(2) Asthma	—	1	1
B34 Peptic ulcer	1	—	1
B46(7) Other diseases of digestive system	1	—	1
B38 Nephritis and Nephrosis	1	—	1
B46(10) Diseases of musculo-skeletal system	1	1	2
B42 Congenital anomalies.. ..	—	2	2
B43 Birth injury, difficult labour, etc. ..	1	—	1
B44 Other causes of perinatal mortality..	—	1	1
B45 Symptoms and ill defined conditions	—	1	1
BE47 Motor vehicle accidents	2	—	2
BE48 All other accidents	—	1	1
BE49 Suicide and self-inflicted injuries..	1	—	1

INFANTILE MORTALITY

Causes of Death in Age Groups

	Under 1 week	1 to 2 Weeks	2 to 3 Weeks	3 to 4 Weeks	1 to 3 Months	3 to 6 Months	6 to 9 Months	9 to 12 Months	TOTAL
Prematurity ..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Bronco Pneumonia ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Hydrocephalus	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	2
Encephalocoele	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Congenital heart disease	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Down's Syndrome ..		1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
	3	1	..	..	2	1	..	..	7

CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE

notified during the year 1969

Notifiable Disease	Number of Cases Notified							
	At all Ages	According to Age						
		Under 1	1 to 4	5 to 14	15 to 24	25 to 44	45 to 64	Over 65
Small-pox
Food Poisoning
Diphtheria
Scarlet Fever	12	..	4	8	..	..	..	..
Acute Meningitis
Acute Poliomyelitis, paralytic
" " non-paralytic
Acute Encephalitis
Ophthalmia Neonatorum
Pulmonary Tuberculosis
Other forms of Tuberculosis
Measles
Whooping Cough
Dysentery
Encephalitis Lethargica
Infective Jaundice	2	..	..	1	1	..	..	..
Totals	14	0	4	9	1	0	0	0

TUBERCULOSIS

New cases in 1969

	Male	Female	Total
Pulmonary	0	0	0
Non-Pulmonary	0	0	0
	—	—	—
Total	0	0	0

Total Cases on Register

Pulmonary	11	11	22
Non-Pulmonary	2	2	4
	—	—	—
Total	13	13	26

National Assistance Acts, 1948-51.

2 cases were dealt with under these Acts during 1969.

WEST RIDING COUNTY DIVISIONAL HEALTH SERVICES IN SELBY URBAN DISTRICT- 1969

1. HEALTH VISITING (Division No. 10 as a whole).

	First Visits
Children under 1	851
Children between 1 and 5	3536
Other cases	896
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Total	5283

2. CHILD WELFARE CLINICS.

Total number of children under 5 years of age who first attended all Clinics during the year:

(i) Born in 1969	496
(ii) Born 1964/68	154

Number of Sessions held:

Selby	50
Total attendance	3783
Average per session	76

3. SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICE.—Divisional figures.

Attendances at Clinics	527
Number attending Speech Therapy	0
Number inspected in School by School M.O. ..	2050
Number inspected in School by School Nurse ..	5819
Number of verminous heads	100
Primary tests for Subnormality	39
Re-examinations for Subnormality	38
Reported to M.D. Authority as ineducable	4
Recommended for Special Schools	36
Attending Special Schools	53
Reported for care and guidance	5
Audiometry tests by School Nurse	744
Audiometry tests by School M.O.	49

County Occulist:

Number of cases seen	969
Number of spectacles prescribed	286

The following defects were found at medical inspections :

						Requiring treatment	For ob- servation
Verminous heads	..	..	..	..		100	—
Skin	..	..	..	..	..	26	22
Vision	..	..	..	..	..	195	12
Other eye conditions	..	..	..	..	..	6	11
Hearing	..	..	..	..	..	39	21
Other ear defects	..	..	..	..	..	22	36
Nose and throat	..	..	..	..	..	17	49
Speech	..	..	..	..	..	10	29
Cervical glands	..	..	..	..	..	0	24
Heart and circulation	..	..	..	..	..	7	8
Lungs	..	..	..	..	..	9	7
Developmental	..	..	..	..	..	7	14
Orthopaedic	..	..	..	..	..	22	21
Nervous System	..	..	..	..	..	6	3
Psychological	..	..	..	..	..	5	8
Enuresis	..	..	..	..	..	44	7
Other conditions	..	..	..	..	..	16	15

Paediatric Clinic.

No. of individual patients seen :

Pre-school	..	..	..	..	..	..	21
School	..	..	..	..	..	..	23

Total attendances :

Pre-school	..	..	..	..	..	..	45
School	..	..	..	..	..	..	67

4. MATERNITY SERVICES.

A Mothercraft and Relaxation Exercise Class for expectant mothers is held weekly and 716 attendances were made.

Confined in Hospital:

Goole	..	..	..	..	..	..	173
Leeds Hospitals	..	..	..	..	..	..	9
York Maternity Home	..	..	..	..	..	..	283
Other Maternity Homes	..	..	..	..	..	..	16
Wakefield	..	..	..	..	..	..	141

Total 622

County Midwives:

There were 213 domiciliary confinements in the division.

The following summary of the work of the County Midwives is for Division 10 as a whole:—

Number of Midwives	..	..	7
Number of cases	..	..	213
Gas and air analgesia	..	..	0
Trilene analgesia	..	..	157

5. HOME NURSING (Division 10 as a whole).

Number of Nurses	..	..	7
Number of cases completed	..	..	653
Number of visits	..	..	8566

6. HOME HELPS.

Home Helps were employed for 75,933 hours attending cases in the Division.

The following cases were attended in Selby U.D.:—

Maternity	..	..	..	..	5
Chronic Sick (Over 65)	..	..	..	..	23
Chronic Sick (Under 65)	..	..	..	..	3
Others	..	..	..	..	1
Total					32

7. IMMUNISATION AND VACCINATION. This has now been placed on the computer and the figures given below are for the Division as a whole for the year 1969.

Diphtheria, Tetanus and Whooping Cough	..	..	..	..	..	641
Diphtheria and Tetanus	..	..	..	..	..	44
Tetanus	..	..	..	..	..	63
Polio	..	..	..	..	..	534
Therefore the number immunised during 1969 for						
Diphtheria	..	..	..	..	..	685
Whooping Cough	..	..	..	..	..	360
Tetanus	..	..	..	..	..	467
Polio	..	..	..	..	..	534
Vaccination	..	..	..	..	..	274
Reinforcing Doses:-						
Diphtheria	..	..	..	..	..	796
Whooping Cough	..	..	..	..	..	167
Tetanus	..	..	..	..	..	893
Polio	..	..	..	..	..	962
Vaccinations	..	..	..	..	..	10

8. B.C.G. VACCINATION OF SCHOOL CHILDREN (13 years of age).

Number of acceptances in 1968	..	847	
Pre-vaccination Tuberculin Tests:			
Positive (not requiring vaccination)	..	123	(13·74%)
Negative (requiring vaccination)	..	772	(91·19%)
Number vaccinated with B.C.G.	..	772	

9. MENTAL HEALTH.

Mental Health Act, 1959.

The number of persons under care and guidance at the end of 1969 was as follows:—

	Male	Female	Total
Psychopathic	1	0	1
Mentally ill	6	10	16
Subnormal	11	11	22
Severely Subnormal	1	2	3

Admission to Mental Hospitals by the Mental Welfare Officers during 1969 were as follows:—

	Male	Female	Total
Emergency Admissions	2	1	3
Admission for Observation	1	2	3
Admission for Treatment	0	0	0
Informal Admission	9	12	21

10. MASS RADIOGRAPHY SURVEY, 1969.

The Unit visits Selby and Goole twice per month,
392 were examined at Goole and 147 at Selby, a further
926 were examined in a Survey at Goole.

CHILD GUIDANCE.

No. of new cases	23
No. of cases discharged	16

PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION No. 10

The County Districts forming Division No. 10 are :—

Goole Borough (1,267 acres) Selby Urban (3,883 acres)

Goole Rural (38,238 acres) Selby Rural (33,304 acres)

Area of the Division 76,692 acres

Population (Estimated mid-1969) 48,550

(Census 1961) .. 44,533

DIVISIONAL HEALTH OFFICE AND STAFF

6/7 Belgravia, Goole. Telephone Goole 4216 & 2923.

Divisional Medical Officer and Divisional School Medical Officer :

S. KENNAUGH APPLETON, S.B.St.J., M.D., Ch.B., D.P.H., D.T.M.

Senior Assistant County Medical Officer and School Medical Officer :

MURIEL J. LOWE, M.B., B.S., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H., D.C.H.

Assistant County Medical Officer and School Medical Officer :

EILEEN M. R. BELL-SYER, M.B., B.S.

School Dental Officer :

P. F. A. ELTOME, L.D.S.

Divisional Nursing Officer :

Miss D. M. E. GOLDTHORPE.

Health Visitors and School Nurses :

Mrs. B. BEAL, Miss D. M. BUTLER, Mrs. M. DODSON, Mrs. A. M. RAWES, Miss A. RIDSDALE, Miss D. M. ROBINSON, Mrs. A. SUTHERLAND (part-time). Assistants: Mrs. M. D. GARDNER, Mrs. J. JARY, Mrs. E. A. ZAPH.

Home Nursing Sisters :

Mrs. H. B. BEAUMONT, Mrs. W. E. DUFFIN, Mrs. S. E. HERRON, Mrs. B. ROSS (part-time), Mrs. J. M. SAWDON.

Domiciliary Midwives :

Miss I. CAMPBELL, Miss E. CLAYTON, Miss H. ELLIS, Mrs. D. FRANKLIN, Mrs. A. G. HORSFIELD, Miss E. D. LAKING, Miss M. P. SMITH.

Mental Health Officers :

Mr. T. G. FOSTER, Miss M. J. HURLEY.

Rawcliffe Training Centre (Rawcliffe 387) :

Supervisor: Miss C. S. LOGAN. Staff: Mrs. A. ALVEY, Mr. J. BEAMSON, Mrs. E. GOODALL, Mr. R. C. HUNT, Mrs. A. W. JARVILL, Mrs. R. ROSE, Mrs. WARDROBE.

Snaith Day Centre :

Instructors: Mr. G. H. PURCHON, Mrs. R. H. KERSHAW.

Speech Therapy: Vacant.

Welfare Officer: Mr. D. HIRST.

Clerical :

Divisional Administrative Officer: Mr. R. TOWELL. Senior Clerk: Mr. G. N. NOWILL, Mrs. N. ALMOND, Miss S. L. BRAMHAM, Mrs. M. E. BRYARS (part-time), Mr. J. LAWTON, Miss S. H. MILEHAM, Mrs. J. MILES, Mrs. M. READSHAW (part-time), Mrs. J. E. TAYLOR.

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The following Child Welfare, Maternity, School Health Services and Specialists' Clinics are held in the County Clinic, Raincliffe Street, Selby.

Monday 10-12: School Clinic	..	Dr. E. M. R. Bell-Syer. Miss A. Ridsdale. Mrs. A. M. Rawes.
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Monday 10-12 and 2-4:
Speech Therapy Temporarily suspended

Monday 2-4 : Ante-Natal Clinic and Cervical Cytology	Dr. E. M. R. Bell-Syer.
10-4 : Child Guidance Clinic	Miss A. Ridsdale. Mrs. A. M. Rawes. Mrs. A. Sutherland.

Thursday 2-4:
Relaxation and Mothercraft Midwives.

Friday 10-12: Miss A. Ridsdale.

Friday 2-4 : Child Welfare Dr. E. M. R. Bell-Syer.
Miss A. Ridsdale.
Mrs. A. M. Rawes.
Mrs. A. Sutherland.

A Training Centre for the training of severely subnormal children and adults is situated at Rawcliffe.

Dr. L. Wittels holds eye-testing session three times a month either at Goole or Selby.

The Children's Specialist has sessions in Goole on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month, which are available to the children of Selby.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR, 1969.

The Chairman and Members of the Selby Urban District Council.
Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to present to you my fourth Annual Report on the environment in the Selby Urban District for 1969. The most important legislation during the year was probably the 1969 Housing Act which altered the law on Improvement Areas and also strengthened powers to deal with multi-occupation. The Public Health (Recurring Nuisances) Act, gave local authorities additional powers to deal with nuisances and the Clean Air Act passed in the previous year was brought into operation. There was no major legislation in respect to food, but the Meat (Sterilisation) Regulations 1969 enabled a closer check to be kept on the disposal of unfit meat and a new Code of Practice was issued for the meat trades.

(a) Water Supply.

A satisfactory supply of water was maintained throughout the district by the Pontefract, Goole and Selby Water Board. One complaint was received of discolouration and one of fine sand in the water and these were passed to the Boards Engineer for investigation.

No. of dwelling houses supplied from mains direct to houses...	4,021
No. of dwelling houses supplied from mains by stand pipes.	3
No. of population supplied from mains direct to houses.	11,337
No. of population supplied from mains direct by stand pipes.	3

(Note: the three houses receiving supplies by stand pipes are in areas for clearance in 1970).

Eleven samples were obtained from domestic premises and submitted for Bacteriological Examination. Two showed slight coliform contamination but two further follow up samples in each case were satisfactory.

(b) Sewerage and Sewage Disposal.

Although the necessary tenders for Phase 2 of the Selby Sewerage Scheme had been accepted during the late summer it was not possible for work to commence before the end of the year under review but work was expected to commence early in 1970.

(c) Refuse Collection and Disposal.

A regular weekly collection of household refuse was maintained by the Surveyors Department and trade refuse was collected from retail and commercial premises.

Disposal was continued by tipping at the Bondgate Tip and early in the year agreement was reached with the Selby Rural District Council to tip at the Rural District's Gateforth Tip when the Bondgate Tip was full. Tipping was continued at Bondgate throughout the year and during the warmer periods in the Summer months complaints of fly nuisance were again received. The tip was treated at intervals by the Council's Pest Operators both for flies and rodents and, in addition, spraying for flies was carried out by the Council's own workmen as often as required.

It was hoped to be able to commence closing this tip in 1970.

(d) Swimming Bath.

Regular samples of water from the Council's Baths were taken throughout the swimming season (March to October). The total number of samples examined by the Public Health Laboratory at Wakefield was 31. No coliform bacilli or Bact. Coli (Type 1) were isolated and 18 of the samples had a Nil Plate Count; the remainder had a Count of under 10.

(e) Complaints and Nuisances.

The number of complaints investigated was 65. At the beginning of the year 1 informal notice and 3 Statutory Notices were outstanding. During the course of the year 43 informal notices and one Statutory Notice were served and all the Statutory Notices outstanding together with 39 informal notices were abated, This left 5 informal notices outstanding at the year end.

A proposal to construct a new service road between Micklegate and Selby Dam was actively proceeded with during the year and when completed it will be possible to demolish and improve a large area of land which is at present inaccessible.

Complaints continued to be received from many persons about the fouling of footpaths and open spaces by dogs. There seems to be no reliable evidence that this is a health hazard but it is certainly aesthetically unpleasant and a nuisance when footwear, particularly of children, is fouled. The public may complain about this with a view to the institution of proceedings by them under the County Councils Bye-Law but there is a reluctance for individuals to get

mixed up with litigation. One can only express the hope that dog lovers will try to exercise their pets so as to cause no inconvenience to other members of the public.

(f) Noise Abatement Act, 1960.

Three complaints were received of nuisances; two were of excessive noise from factory premises and one from commercial premises in the town centre. The complaints were investigated and confirmed, where necessary by sound level meter readings. One of the industrial complaints was due to a faulty valve which was abated when the valve was renewed and in the other case the offending process closed down. The noise from the commercial premises was reduced after the proprietors had been interviewed.

Again no complaints were received about noise nuisance from mobile salesmen's chimes.

(g) Public Conveniences

Public conveniences are provided by the Council on four sites. The Council arranged for all the conveniences to have four weekly servicing by specialist contractors in addition to the normal day to day cleansing and it is hoped that this will effect an improvement until such time as it is possible to renew the older buildings.

(h) Special Premises.

Regular visits were paid to the premises dealing with the cleansing of rags and 21 certificates were issued for the export of this material.

Visits were also paid to inns and places of entertainment to ensure that adequate sanitary arrangements were available for customers. One statutory and one informal notice was served during the year.

At the beginning of the year two piggeries were licensed under the provisions of the Diseases of Animals (Waste Foods) Order, 1957 but one closed during the year. A complaint was investigated about the other piggery but this was not substantiated and no action taken by the Council. A complaint of an accumulation of manure at a further piggery was confirmed and the nuisance abated following verbal representations.

PART 2—FOOD INSPECTION AND FOOD HYGIENE

(a) Meat and Food Inspection.

One private slaughterhouse is licensed at 66, Millgate, Selby, but was only used on two occasions during the year the number of animals slaughtered being 8 pigs of which part

of one was rejected as unfit. Meat sold in Selby is obtained from abattoirs outside the district.

Inspection of meat and other types of foodstuffs was carried out at wholesale warehouses, shops, cafes, school canteens and food supermarkets. The following is a summary of food stuffs rejected as unfit for human consumption:—

	(Weight)	Tons.	Cwts.	lbs.
Meat at slaughterhouse	—	—	15	
Meat at wholesale premises ..	1	15	73	
Meat at retail premises ..		2	18	
Canned meat		2	11	
Other canned foods		2	33	
Other foods		8	38	
	—	—	—	
Total	2	10	76	
	—	—	—	

Unfit meat is disposed of by being taken in sealed vehicles to a sterilization plant at Doncaster and the Meat (Sterilization) Regulations, 1969 which came into force in November, 1969 require that all unfit meat must be sterilised. An additional requirement of the regulations is that all meat so consigned must have a certificate which is taken with the meat to its destination and a permanent record maintained for three months.

Danish bacon in closed, refrigerated containers continued to arrive in Selby throughout the year and the necessary inspections were made here instead of at the port of entry as required by the Imported Food Regulations.

(b) Food Complaints

Five complaints of unsatisfactory food were investigated during 1969 as follows:—

Complaint	Result
1. Sliced canned shoulder ham.	Examined at Laboratory but found satisfactory.
2. Steak pie containing portion of animal hide.	Warning letter to manufacturer.
3. Frozen food out of date.	Investigated by manufacturers.
4. Contaminated Chipitos in packet.	Manufacturers prosecuted by Selby U.D.C. and fined £25.
5. Unsatisfactory sandwich.	Warning letter to head office.

(c) Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960.

The total number of premises in the district where food is prepared or sold was 164.

The following table shows the number and type of premises :—

Retail Butchers	21
Bacon and Ham Wholesale ..	3
Wholesale Meat Products ..	1
Bakehouses.. ..	7
Bread Sales	4
Hotels, Cafes, etc.	12
Fried Fish Shops	10
Wet Fish Shops	1
Food Supermarkets	5
Grocers	25
Fruit and Vegetable	11
Fruit and Vegetable Wholesale ..	1
Licensed Houses	27
Licensed Clubs	8
Sweets and Tobacco	19
School Canteens	4
Factory Canteens	5
	—
Total	164
	—

Thirty verbal or written notices were given to carry out work and the following works had been completed at the year end :—

Personal washing facilities improved	8
Sinks renewed or improved	5
Decoration completed	13
Equipment renewed	5
Floors renewed	3

The total number of inspections of food premises was 192 during the year.

(d) Food Hygiene (Market Stalls and Delivery Vehicles) Regulations, 1966.

Markets are held on Mondays in the Market Place and Micklegate. The number of stalls subject to the above Regulations remained at 17 comprising 8 fruit and vegetable, 2 ice-cream, 2 wet fish, 1 fried fish, 1 bacon and ham, 1 eggs, and 2 sweets and toffee.

87 inspections of these stalls were made throughout the year and inspections were also made of mobile shops and delivery vehicles. One mobile "hot dog" stall was registered during the year.

As a result of the activities associated with the Selby Abbey 1969 Festival more than usual quantities of food were sold out of doors and in tents and marquees. Generally speaking this catering was satisfactory but I would urge to all organisers of events where temporary catering will be required, to ensure that food is prepared and sold in a hygienic manner. If any advice is required the Health Department is only too willing to help.

(e) Registration of Certain Food Premises—Food and Drugs Act, 1955.

The only food premises which, by law, have to be registered with the local authority are where ice-cream is manufactured or sold and where sausages and meat products are manufactured.

No ice-cream is manufactured in Selby. Pre-packed ice-cream is sold from 45 shops and loose ice-cream from 1 shop. Ice-cream is also sold from the hotels, cafes and snack-bars and from four mobile vans in the town centre during the warmer months. Four samples of loose ice-cream were examined and reported as satisfactory by the Public Health Laboratory.

The number of premises registered for the manufacture of sausages and meat products remained at 9 but the largest of these (a wholesale factory) closed at the end of the year.

(f) Milk

Milk is supplied throughout the district by the Leeds Industrial Cooperative Society Ltd., and Northern Dairies Ltd. No samples of milk were taken by the Selby Health Department but samples of milk retailed were obtained by the West Riding County Sampling Officer. Seven samples of Pasteurised or Sterilized milk were reported as satisfactory.

(g) Poultry Inspection.

There are no poultry processing premises within the district.

(h) Laboratory Facilities.

I would again record my thanks for the help and assistance given by the Director and his staff at the Wakefield Public Health Laboratory in the examination of water, ice-cream samples and other specimens submitted.

PART 3—HOUSING.

(a) Housing Act, 1957—Unfit Houses.

The following individual unfit houses were dealt with during 1969:—

Garden House, Doncaster Road	Demolition Order
Croft Bungalow, Bondgate	Demolition Order
11 Malt Kiln Yard, Ousegate	Undertaking by owner
29 Millgate	Closing Order
4 Thornden Buildings, New St.	Closing Order
6 Thornden Buildings, New St.	Closing Order

Three families were re-housed from the above properties and two were awaiting re-housing at the end of the year. The last occupant of the Leonard Chamberlain Trust Almshouse in Millgate was re-housed during the year and the building then demolished to make way for a road improvement scheme.

At the end of the year 30 houses remained to be dealt with out of the clearance programme accepted by the Council in 1966. Following the passing of the Housing Act, 1969, a Circular was received from the Ministry in November (Ministry of Housing and Local Government Circular 92/69) asking the Council to prepare before the end of January 1970 a programme for dealing with unfit houses from 1970-1973.

Complaints of Housing defects were investigated at ten houses and informal action taken with the various owners. At the end of the year seven of the houses had been repaired and at the remaining three the work had been put in hand.

No applications for Certificates of Disrepair were received under the provisions of the Rent Act.

No alteration was recorded with houses in multiple occupation. One was improved to a higher standard by the installation of additional washing and cooking facilities.

(b) **Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960.**

Three caravan sites were licensed in the district:—

<i>Address of Site</i>	<i>Maximum No. of Caravans</i>
140 Millgate, Selby.	15
“Greenacres”, Flaxley Rd., Selby. . .	33
“Mount Pleasant”, Bondgate, Selby... .	2

Regular inspections were carried out at all these sites throughout the year and one written notice issued to abate contraventions of the licence conditions. One caravan on the Flaxley Road site was made the subject of a Demolition Order owing to its age and unsatisfactory condition. In addition a family was rehoused from a caravan on the Millgate site.

No difficulties were experienced with itinerant travellers.

PART 4—INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL ENVIRONMENT

(a) **Air Pollution Control—Industrial.**

Three complaints of smoke nuisance were investigated. One was found to be due to a breakdown in the automatic stoker and when this was repaired no further nuisance was noted; the second complaint referred to dense smoke as a result of burning waste on a works incinerator and two informal notices were sent before an improvement was effected; the third complaint was as a result of burning rubbish in the open air and a verbal warning was given.

In addition smoke observations were made of a factory premises and two notices served as a result of emission of dark smoke. Consideration was being given to replacing the obsolete type of vertical boiler to effect a permanent remedy.

Two applications were received and approved for the erection of new chimneys and one application for the installation of new coal fired boilers.

A complaint was received about the emission of harmful fumes from industrial premises but this was fully investigated by H.M. District Alkali Inspector and not confirmed. Observations, however, are continuing both in Selby and the adjoining districts.

No action was taken as to domestic smoke control.

(b) Factories Act, 1961.

70 factories were registered under the provisions of the above Act. Inspections were made at 16 of these premises. Two persons were notified as outworkers.

One factory was reported by H.M. Inspector of Factories as not having sufficient sanitary accommodation and this was remedied by the year end.

The following tables show details of inspections and action under the Act:—

Premises	No. on Register	Number of		
		Inspect- tions	Written Notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	0	0	0	0
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority	70	16	1	0
(iii) Other premises in which Sec-7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excl. out-workers premises)	7	3	0	0
Total	77	19	1	0

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				No. of cases pro-secutions instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred to H.M. Inspector	Referred by H.M. Inspector	
Ineffective drainage of floors (s.6)	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (s.7)					
(a) Insufficient ..	1	1	0	1	0
(b) Unsuitable or defective ..	0	0	0	0	0
(c) Not separate for sexes	0	0	0	0	0
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	0	0	0	0	0
Total	1	1	0	1	0

Outwork						
Nature of work	Section 133			Section 134		
	No. of out workers in Aug. list re-quired by Sec. 133(1) (c)	No. of cases of default in send-ing lists to the Council	No. of prose-cutions for failure to sup-ply lists	No. of instances of work in un-whole-some premises	Notices served	Prose-cutions
Wearing apparel-Making, etc. . .	2	0	0	0	0	0

(c) The Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963.

The number of premises registered fell slightly to a total of 185 comprising 50 offices, 119 retail shops, 3 wholesale premises and 13 catering establishments.

General inspections carried out totalled 56.

One retail shop continued to be exempt from certain provisions of the Act while awaiting enlarging and improving.

Conditions generally were found to be satisfactory in the premises visited and particular attention was paid to the standards of lighting following publication of the Department of Employment and Productivity's booklet on this subject.

Only one accident was notified and this was not a serious one. No prosecutions were instituted under the provisions of the Act.

(d) Hairdressers' Premises.

The number of hairdressers and barbers registered under the West Riding Council (General Powers) Act, 1951, was 17. These were 10 ladies' hairdressers, 6 gentlemen's establishments and one dealing with both ladies and gentlemen. One ladies' establishment closed down and three new ladies' salons opened.

All were maintained in a satisfactory manner.

(e) Pet Animals Act, 1951.

One pet shop was licensed (market stall) under the provisions of this Act. One contravention of the licence conditions was reported (sale of an animal to a person under the age of 12 years) and a suitable warning issued to the licensee.

PART 5—PEST CONTROL

(a) Rats and Mice.

The Council agreed to continue their contract with Messrs. Rentokil Laboratories to deal with infestations at domestic premises and Council property. The same firm also have contracts with many industrial and commercial occupiers and where no contract existed, "ad hoc" treatments were arranged through the Council. The town and Staynor Wood Estate sewers were treated for rats twice during the year. The level of infestation by rodents remained about the same although some increase in activity in the Ousegate area was noted as a result of disturbance during the rebuilding of Selby Toll Bridge.

Publicity was given during the year to the facilities offered by the Council for treatment of domestic properties at no charge to the tenants. The Council were represented at meetings of the West Riding Pests Control Committee by Cr. C. Coultish, J.P. and myself, and help and advice was always readily available from the local and regional staff of the Ministry's Pest Division.

(b) Other Pests.

Little trouble was experienced again during the year from insect pests and four complaints of cockroaches and crickets gaining access to houses were dealt with by the contractors. As in previous years many house-holders were subject to ant infestation and help was given by the Health Department in 128 houses.

PART 6—HOUSING MANAGEMENT

The Council House Management duties, involving housing applications, transfers and exchanges of tenancy, supervision of the Old People's Wardens Service and general estate management continued to be carried out by the Public Health Inspector. The House-Letting Sub-Committee (Crs. Backhouse (Chairman), Coultish, Mrs. Gant and Mrs. Staniland) allocated exchanges, and new tenancies and met on 15 occasions.

The number of houses owned by the Council increased by one as a result of the purchase of a semi-detached three bedroom bungalow on a private development at Westbourne Park and its adaptation for use by a handicapped person. The total number of Council houses, bungalows and flats at the end of the year being 1,275. No new Council houses were built in 1969.

The number of new tenancies allocated during the year was 30 and the number of exchanges granted was 21. In addition, 2 mutual exchanges were approved by the Housing Committee.

At the beginning of the year there were a total of 418 applications for houses and bungalows. This figure increased to 439 by the year end, of which 121 were applications for bungalows by existing Council house tenants.

As a result of the continuing financial economies no extension was possible of the services of Wardens for Elderly Persons although a survey showed the need of an additional appointment in the Central Ward.

Further old-type houses in Denison Road were improved and modernised by the adaptation of the third bedroom to form a bathroom.

In conclusion, I would thank Miss M. Jackson for her efficient administration particularly with housing management duties, the Medical Officer of Health and the Chief Officers of the Council for their continuing help and assistance, and the Chairman and Members of the Council for their constant support and understanding.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

N. BUCKLE,

Public Health Inspector.

June, 1970.

